

Appl. No. 10/677,232
Amendment dated: February 9, 2006
Reply to OA of: January 30, 2006

REMARKS

This is in response to the Official Action of January 30, 2006. Applicants have amended the claims in order to more precisely define the scope of the invention, taking into consideration the outstanding Official Action.

Applicants note that Examiner Lavinder, the Examiner in charge of this application, initially called Applicants' representative on January 17, 2006, to propose an Examiner's Amendment that would place the condition for allowance. Applicants note with appreciation the assistance of Examiner Lavinder in expediting the present application towards allowance by proposing the Examiner's Amendment. Examiner Lavinder proposed deleting the phrase "perpendicular to and" in claim 1 and replacing the word "see" with the word "seen" at line 10 of claim 1. Applicants' representative indicated that the proposed amendment would have to be submitted to the Applicants for approval. Before Applicants were able to consider and authorize the Examiner's Amendment, the outstanding Official Action was issued.

The rejection of claims 1, 4, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement has been carefully considered but is most respectfully traversed in light of the amendments to the claims and the following comments.

The Official Action urges that, in claim 1, the phrase "said fixing section is further provided with a top section that is perpendicular to and attached at each edge to the fixing piece sections" is not supported by the original specification or drawings. Accordingly, Applicants have removed the phrase "perpendicular to and" from claim 1. In light of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Official Action objects to claim 1 because of informalities. Specifically, the Official Action notes that at line 10 of claim 1, the word "see" should be "seen".

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Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 1 to replace the word "see" with the word "seen". In light of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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